

AMERICA'S CHANCE, SAYS C. H. MACKAY

War Gives Our Trade the Opportunity of an Epoch, He Asserts.

PREDICTS LONG CONFLICT

Senator Lodge and Cornelius Vanderbilt Among the Olympic's Other Passengers.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Sept. 16.—The Olympic sailed for New York to-day with a first cabin passenger list of almost 500.

The feeling of optimism regarding American business, which seemed to be prevalent among the prominent Americans aboard, was voiced by Clarence H. Mackay when this Sun's correspondent asked Mr. Mackay, who is accompanied by his three children, for some opinions on the war.

"My own impression," Mr. Mackay said when the question of the duration of the conflict came up, "is that it is going to be a long pull."

"What do you think will be its effect in America?" he was asked.

"Opportunity is now knocking loudly at the door of my own country," was the reply. "The United States has an exceptional chance to develop her trade and to see what she will attain promptly to the new business at hand. We now have the opportunity of an epoch."

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, another of the Olympic's passengers, said he is now quite recovered from his recent illness.

Also among the Olympic's passengers were George F. Baker, Judge Peter T. Barlow, Cortlandt Field Bishop, Nicholas P. Brady, Mrs. Hamilton Garhart, Mrs. Joseph Cassatt, Spencer Eddy, Gen. E. P. Meany, Mrs. Clarence Moore, Frank A. Munsey, Mrs. Charles M. Oelrichs, Emil Pfizer, Henry Phillips, Mrs. James Speyer, Mrs. Barclay Warburton, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Daniel G. Reid and Thomas J. Felder, the former New York broker.

MANY STILL IN BERLIN.

Americans There Treated With Consideration, Says Mr. Dodge.

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PARIS, Sept. 16.—Percival Dodge, who was sent here specially by the State Department to take charge of German-American interests at the embassy, says that when he was in Berlin ten days ago there were still many Americans in the German capital.

Americans on all sides, Mr. Dodge says, had only the kindest words to say of the great consideration shown to them by the Germans.

Mrs. Dodge, who is now in Switzerland, hopes to join her husband here within the next two weeks.

NO MORE AID NEEDED.

Homeward Rush of Americans Is Over, Says Breckenridge.

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LONDON, Sept. 16.—Henry S. Breckenridge, United States Assistant Secretary of War, reached here to-day from Havre on the cruiser Tennessee, via Weymouth. He expects to remain in London for a few days and will then sail for America.

The Tennessee did not bring any Americans over from Havre, Mr. Breckenridge says, because about all the American women and others still in France prefer to remain there as nurses or for other reasons. Nearly all Americans who wished to get away had sailed before the Tennessee left Havre.

The Assistant Secretary says that reports brought to him by the men and women engaged in relief work show that he was correct in his first estimate that Europe at the outbreak of the war contained about 100,000 American citizens who wanted to flee. This, he finds, in round numbers covers the refugees who have been or are now being helped to get home.

The sum set aside to help Americans to get home, \$7,500,000, need not be increased in Mr. Breckenridge's opinion. The only use to which further funds could be put would be in caring for American citizens who want to stay abroad, and, as Mr. Breckenridge believes, there is no call upon the United States to look after citizens who elect to stay in Europe after transportation has been offered to them.

Now that the refugees have been sent on their way Mr. Breckenridge is more than ever convinced that his original objection to the use of transports for the work was the right stand to take. He argued against the transport idea as soon as it was broached because the transports available would have afforded sailing conditions less desirable than the old class quarters of regular lines and his feeling would have been aroused among the home comers.

The American army officers left behind on the Continent include Capt. Granville Sevier at Genoa, Major Clyde S. Ford at Vienna, Major Ryan at Berlin and Capt. Cross at Budapest, while in Paris Major Morton Henry is at the head of nine United States army officers looking after not only Americans but citizens of warring countries whose affairs the Americans can help to straighten out.

American army observers disagree with Mr. Breckenridge's opinion about the number of Americans on the Continent. They say that at Essen alone at least 2,000 naturalized German-Americans are working, and that there are many thousands throughout Germany, who, after obtaining American naturalization papers, have returned to Germany to live. The observers anticipate that should Germany be invaded and the works should be shut down there would be a grand helix toward America via England, if possible. Hence they suggest that a definite date be fixed when the relief of Americans abroad should cease, and that Americans should be notified when the relief funds are no longer available.

The extreme care of the Belgian and British authorities regarding suspected aliens is illustrated in the case of Adolph Fisher, a naturalized German-American living in Chicago. He was imprisoned for nine days at Antwerp and was released at the intervention of the American legation. On arriving at Folkestone he was thoroughly searched, but was liberated on the production of his passport and permitted to continue to London. Fifty 40,000 Austrians and Germans

are held prisoners in France, mostly in Paris and its suburbs. These prisoners and the wounded from other armies now in France are being visited daily by Major Henry and his assistants, Mr. Breckenridge says. Inspections are being made of the conditions surrounding them and they are being helped in any way the American soldiers can aid them.

Secretary Breckenridge says that in Berlin no distinction is being made by Ambassador Gerard between Latin Americans and citizens of the United States. Mr. Gerard's practice of sending Latin American refugees away from Berlin impartially with his own fellow citizens appealed so strongly to Mr. Breckenridge that he urged the plan upon all American embassies and consulates on the Continent with satisfactory results.

About the only whole souled Yankee "dick" that Mr. Breckenridge could recall occurred at Rotterdam, and even there, despite the very trying conditions, the complaints that grew out of especially disagreeable congestion were mild under the circumstances.

As for conditions in Italy, Mr. Breckenridge says that there is now more than enough room on ships sailing out of Genoa.

No decision has been reached as to the advisability of having the Tennessee remain in European waters or have her come home with Mr. Breckenridge aboard when he is able to depart. It was quite necessary, the Assistant Secretary said to-day, to adopt the plan carried out of absolutely refusing, when the Tennessee arrived on this side, to hand out large sums in gold, as was demanded in some cases by wealthy Americans. Not more than \$1,000 was allowed at a payment, he said, because otherwise a few of the wealthy refugees soon would have exhausted all the gold aboard.

Mr. Breckenridge said that after his continental trip, which included visits to The Hague, Berlin, Vienna, Budapest and through Switzerland and France, he does not think there are more than 2,000 Americans now on the whole Continent who want to go home.

The American Assistant Secretary of War spoke in the highest terms of the courtesy shown everywhere on the Continent, acts of kindness not only on the part of individuals but by Governments as well in their efforts to facilitate in every way the comfortable departure of citizens of the United States.

He was especially enthusiastic about the help he, his assistants and all refugees received at the hands of the French and Italians, but had nothing but words of praise for the thoughtful consideration received in all countries.

Isolated cases of individual ill treatment doubtless have come to light, Mr. Breckenridge said, but none of these has been brought personally to his notice.

The Assistant Secretary of War said that the widespread consideration shown by Continental Governments to American refugees was to him a thing to be very proud of. It all went to make, said Mr. Breckenridge, a remarkable tribute to the position the United States occupies in the eyes of Europe when various belligerents, fighting for their very existence, could turn at such a time to thoughts and considerations of the details of facilitating the departure of United States citizens.

SCORPION TO TAKE GOLD.

Embassy Ship Will Receive North Carolina's Money.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—The cruiser North Carolina, it was announced here to-day, reported last at Brindisi, Italy, and the Tennessee probably will leave Europe for the United States at about the same time. The North Carolina, like the Tennessee, was dispatched abroad with gold for American refugees.

The North Carolina's relief officers plan to transship the gold aboard for Americans in Turkey to the Constantinople embassy ship, the yacht Scorpion, at Smyrna, the Scorpion coming through the Dardanelles to meet the cruiser.

Returning by the Espagne.

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PARIS, Sept. 16.—The passengers booked to sail on the French Line steamship Espagne for New York Saturday include Mrs. and Miss Lounsbury, Col. and Mrs. Webb Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. De la Barra.

Stampania Brings 200 Passengers.
Rome, via Paris, Sept. 16.—The steamship Stampania, carrying 200 passengers, most of whom are Americans, sailed for New York yesterday.

Dernburg Pleads Cause of Germany Before 2,000

Ex-Colonial Secretary Refers to War as "Fearful Situation" and Believes President Wilson Will Be First to Help to a Peace "Honorable to All."

PROCEEDS OF MEETING TO GERMAN RED CROSS

Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, former Imperial German Secretary of State for the Colonies, spoke to 2,000 serious faced Germans who wedged themselves into Terrace Garden, East Fifty-eighth street last night. More than \$1,500 was taken in from admissions, which will be used for families of German reservists in New York.

Chairman Carl Nicolay urged the Germans not to make the meeting a patriotic celebration, but there was little need for the admonishment. There were no patriotic outbursts such as characterized the German mass meetings three weeks ago, but the Germans came, listened and went away with serious, thoughtful faces. The programme was arranged by the American branches of commercial clubs in Hamburg, Berlin and Leipzig, and consisted of music, moving pictures and several speeches.

For Red Cross Work.
Dr. Dernburg said: "It is a special pleasure and great honor to greet this conspicuous meeting in my capacity of German delegate of the Red Cross. I commence with thanking you for the sympathies that you offered to our great cause, sympathies which have brought you all here in such a great number. It is indeed one of the noblest tasks that free and independent men and women may vow themselves to in this time of perhaps greater anxiety and sorrow than any of us remembers, when we are to see the most terrible spectacle of seven nations fighting each other on bloody battlefields. The many victims of life and health, the misery of those left behind, the widows and the orphans beat with forceful strokes every human heart, and every man of human sentiment, without regard to nationality and creed and no matter whether he belongs to one of the warring nations or not, feels it his duty, as far as he possibly can, to contribute his mite for the sake of the Red Cross, a society well organized and well prepared by experts, conducted by honest and capable people, which exists just for this emergency all over the world. But you, ladies and gentlemen, are moved also by something else. What you desire to assist is the 'German Red Cross' because you sympathize with the German Empire, because most of you yet to-day belong to it directly and because the rest of you are bound by ties of blood and of devotion to the fatherland. You see your brethren lead a battle for the existence of our beautiful empire, you feel the dangers of the situation, not only for your own country, but also for the whole of human culture and for the progress of the world, and because you are not able to take part in this battle directly you at least want to do something to give true expression to your feelings. You wish not only to aid humanely but you want to do something patriotically."

Princes President Wilson.
"For one as well as for the other I must sincerely thank you, but I have to thank you also for something else. The stand of the Germans and their friends to-day in the United States is a most difficult one; you all have the feeling that the German cause, the German motives and the German humanity are not judged fairly in this country. That much is certain, that straight and just persons, that the American people have placed at its head, who the first of all great rulers not only firmly declared the most stringent neutrality, but also as a loan of his nation exposed in a humanly intelligible way the supreme importance of impartiality. The President is certainly the man who has the personal force and the personal good will to do everything that can be done from his high position to put an end to the fearful situation in Europe in a way honorable to all, and it is but right to say that the American press is there in full sympathy with the head of the nation. But otherwise its impartiality leaves a good deal to desire. I think, however, that much can be done by the intelligent understanding and a dignified patience of our countrymen. We must be just also in this respect. The language of this country is English, a very small percentage only of the people come in direct touch with German reading. There is hardly enough interest in this country to trouble about the rest of Europe, about the Russians and the Austrians, the Serbs and the Montenegrins. The political constellation of Europe, even which has led to this war, is unknown here as far as the Orient is concerned, and though it is conceded on all parts that German science and German culture have done much for the United States, the every day's reading is English; it comes from English sources and it is printed in the English language. "Now I ask you, would you find many people in Germany who could properly judge the things going on in Russia getting information from Russian sources and Russian papers?"

Regrets Sent News.

"Furthermore, the cables to Germany have been cut, which to my mind is a great wrong to the American people, that is thereby incapacitated to inform itself correctly; all the news must pass not only but several censors; the American people are forced to have the same correspondents as the English papers, and finally the peculiar situation of Germany in this war, where she must fight on two fronts, forbids her to let out news about her situation and her fighting forces which would inform enemy. How, therefore, can we help the situation may be, I feel pretty sure that no ill will is borne toward us. My relations with the American press have told me that also they desire to treat Germany with justice and decency, except perhaps some few papers who cannot suppress personal motives or sensational tendencies. How can you help the situation? Before all through quiet dignity. It is needless to quarrel with the antagonist; the American people will not understand this. We shall rejoice over our victories in a many way and we will not whine if we get such setbacks as are inseparable from the fortunes of war. We will insist on the justice of our cause where it is worth while, but we feel that we are too good to pay back the treacheries of our enemies in money of the same kind. We treat with quiet scorn the accusations of German cruelty that are foreign to our culture and temper and which, especially you, who are known in this country, may repulse, referring them to your own example. But what you may bring to the people, because it degrades them, is the real facts showing the great common ideals, the most important commercial interests and the friendship between America and Germany of a hundred years standing. Do they accuse you of militarism? Just ask which country in the world had always to fight more than one adversary, and if you are told that the German people have been driven into the war by the militaryism just show them the united and self-sacrificing people acting and how firmly and nobly it has taken up this battle."

"Fighting for Just Cause."

"I consider the 4th of August of this year the grandest and most impressive day that it has been my good fortune to live. I have assisted at the opening of the German Reichstag at the castle in Berlin. I have seen the chosen representatives of the German people, quiet and dignified, the generals firm and determined, the Emperor simple and alone, without pageant and courtiers in his gray field uniform. With hope and trust in God he read his speech from a printed document, but when this man, who at that hour held the responsibility for the history of Germany in his hands, laid down his paper, stepped down from the platform, he spoke the words that forever will become a great turning stone in the political development of my country. What he said was this: "What I said to the Berlin people from the balcony of the Berlin castle I now repeat: From now forward I will not recognize any difference in social standing, any difference of parties, no difference of creed. I am a German with my German people, such I vow, and I ask the leaders of the parties to step forward and take the same pledge: by giving me their hand."

"And when these men came forward then to shake the proffered hand every body felt that this would be one of the great hours to be remembered ever thereafter in the German history, and we sang the national hymn with a will and with the conviction that we had just and good cause. And so the German people are now, and if you now collect for the Red Cross, and more especially for the German Red Cross, you can do it with a very small conscience, only of the people come in direct touch with German reading. There is hardly enough interest in this country to trouble about the rest of Europe, about the Russians and the Austrians, the Serbs and the Montenegrins."

PLANS NEW MARKET ON COMPANY'S PIER

C. L. Duval of Manhattan Navigation Co. to Open Market at 131st Street.

Borough President Marks said yesterday afternoon that he will ask the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Monday for an appropriation to cover the cost of roofing the new open market at the Fort Lee ferry and laying a concrete floor at the market under the Manhattan Bridge. It is not his intention to close up the sides of the markets to keep out the cold. He is determined, he says, to continue the four open markets during the winter.

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